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SUBJ: PROPOSED DHEW/MOSW MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR
COLLABORATION IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-
STANDING BETWEEN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION
AND WELFARE, AND THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE IN ARGENTINA.
TEXT PREPARED IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSED COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT
GIVEN TO DHEW BY MOSW OFFICIAL DR. RAUL LEON WHO VISITED
WASHINGTON IN JULY. UPON APPROVAL BY EMBASSY, DHEW WILL
FORWARD PROPOSAL TO ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AS PER
PRIOR ARRANGEMENT WITH LEON.

2. TEXT OF PROPOSED MOU QUOTE

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE

OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC
FOR COLLABORATION IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES

ARTICLE I: GENERAL PRINCIPLES

RECOGNIZING THE EXISTENCE OF MUTUAL INTERESTS IN THE CONTROL OF CERTAIN DISEASE CONDITIONS, AND DESIRING TO INCREASE COORDINATION OF RESEARCH EFFORTS IN THESE AREAS, THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS ISSUED TO EXTEND AND STRENGTHEN COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES BETWEEN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND ARGENTINA. IT IS INTENDED TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE THE HEALTH SCIENCE ASPECTS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION SIGNED BY BOTH COUNTRIES ON APRIL 7, 1972 AND ENTERED INTO FORCE AUGUST 11, 1972, AND IS TO BE INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STIPULATIONS OF THAT AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE II: AREAS OF COOPERATION

CANCER, CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES, DRUG ABUSE, AND PROBLEMS RELATED TO FOOD AND DRUGS ARE SPECIFIC RESEARCH AREAS WHICH HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES AND ARGENTINA. THESE AREAS WILL SERVE AS FOCI OF INITIAL EXPLORATORY EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY THE POTENTIAL FOR COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES, BUT ARE NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS EXCLUSIVE OF OTHER TOPICS, WHICH MAY BE EXPLORED IN A SIMILAR MANNER AS THEY ARE PROPOSED BY EITHER SIDE ON AN AD HOC BASIS.

ARTICLE III: GENERAL METHOD OF OPERATION

1. AS MUTUALLY AGREED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE AND THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE, COLLABORATIVE SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN BOTH COUNTRIES UTILIZING MECHANISMS OF COLLABORATION SUCH AS SHARING OF CONSULTATIVE AND TECHNICAL ADVICE ON INDIVIDUALLY-CONDUCTED RESEARCH IN EITHER COUNTRY; JOINT RESEARCH BETWEEN COLLABORATING LABORATORIES AND INSTITUTIONS; EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION; SHORT AND LONG-TERM

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EXCHANGE VISITS OF SCIENTISTS; ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIA AND CONFERENCES; AND EXCHANGE OF MATERIALS, DRUGS AND BIOLOGICALS. BOTH PARTIES AGREE TO ENCOURAGE COMPARABLE HEALTH INSTITUTIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES TO DEVELOP COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS IN AREAS OF MUTUALLY AGREED INTEREST.

2. BOTH PARTIES AGREE TO CONTINUE COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION SUCH AS THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND

WILL PROVIDE THESE ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW UPON THE EXPERIENCE GAINED IN THE COURSE OF BILATERAL COOPERATION UNDER THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

3. WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH IS DESIGNATED AND WILL SERVE AS THE COORDINATING POINT FOR THIS COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM. WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE, THE DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IS DESIGNATED AND WILL ACT IN A LIKE FASHION. IN NEITHER CASE, HOWEVER, ARE THESE TWO UNITS TO IMPEDE OR PREVENT A DIRECT SCIENTIST-TO-SCIENTIST DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH OR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERIODIC MEETINGS TO REVIEW PROGRESS OF ACTIVITIES, FACILITATE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, AND CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR MODIFICATIONS OF THIS MEMORANDUM WILL BE MADE BY THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES WHENEVER THOUGHT NECESSARY.

4. TO FACILITATE THIS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM THE DEPARTMENT DESIGNATES THE SCIENTIFIC COUNSELLOR OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES, OR IN HIS ABSENCE THE OFFICER ASSUMING HIS DUTIES, AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE FOR DAY-TO-DAY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION. FOR SIMILAR FUNCTIONS, THE MINISTRY DESIGNATES THE SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE OF THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, OR THE OFFICER IDENTIFIED BY THE EMBASSY AS HIS REPRESENTATIVE.

5. THE COLLABORATIVE SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES WILL BE FINANCED IN THE UNITED STATES BY THE DEPARTMENT AND IN THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC BY THE MINISTRY. FOR THE EXCHANGE VISITS OF SCIENTISTS, THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS, "IN COUNTRY" EXPENSES, INCLUDING TRAVEL, LODGING AND AN APPROPRIATE PER DIEM WILL BE BORNE BY THE SENDING PARTY, UNLESS THE SPONSORING INSTI-

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TUTIONS MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

6. UPON SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM THE TWO PARTIES SHALL COMMENCE PLANNING FOR AN EXCHANGE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE AREAS OF CONCERN. THESE REPRESENTATIVES SHALL UNDERTAKE WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS DISCUSSIONS ON THE SPECIFIC POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN THOSE AREAS.

ARTICLE IV: ENTRY INTO FORCE AND AMENDMENT

1. THE MEMORANDUM SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE UPON SIGNATURE OF BOTH PARTIES.

2. NOTHING IN THIS MEMORANDUM SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS CALLING FOR PRACTICES WHICH WOULD BE IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE LAWS AND

REGULATIONS OF EITHER PARTY.

3. AMENDMENT OR MODIFICATION OF THIS MEMORANDUM SHALL BE BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT AND EITHER PARTY MAY TERMINATE THIS MEMORANDUM AFTER SIXTY (60) DAYS NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO DO SO. THE TERMINATION OF THIS MEMORANDUM SHALL NOT AFFECT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARRANGEMENTS MADE UNDER IT.

DONE AT WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS (BLANK) IN THE ENGLISH AND SPANISH LANGUAGES: BOTH VERSIONS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,	FOR THE MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION AND WELFARE OF THE	SOCIAL WELFARE OF THE
U.S.A.	ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

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